

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-27 are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The present invention is directed to an image forming apparatus that overlaps a single image of specific information over at least two pages. Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features "a specific information creating section to create specific information applied to the one single medium, said specific information excluding line information; and a data editing section to overlap said specific information with said collected data so that one single image of the specific information is printed over at least two of the pages". The closest prior art, Saito (US PUB 2003/0202213) fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS DICKER whose telephone number is (571)270-3140. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

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